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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Los Angeles – Letters Threatening Genocide Against Muslims Sent to Multiple California Mosques

(U) The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) has called for increased police protection of local mosques after letters that threatened the genocide of Muslims and praised President-elect Donald Trump were sent to multiple California mosques this week. The letters were sent to the Islamic Center of Long Beach and the Islamic Center of Claremont, CAIR's greater Los Angeles chapter said in a statement. The same letter also was sent to the Evergreen Islamic Center in San Jose, according to CAIR's San Francisco Bay Area chapter. Both the Los Angeles and Bay Area chapters of CAIR have called for increased cooperation with law enforcement agencies to protect mosques.

SOURCE: 28 November 2016, [The Los Angeles Times](#)

(U) San Francisco – Ransomware Hackers Demand \$70,000 After Hacking Transportation System

(U) Over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, a previously-known PC ransomware found its way onto computers at the Municipal Transportation Agency, hitting the city's light rail system, the Muni. The hackers reportedly demanded 100 Bitcoin, worth roughly \$70,000; however, payment is unlikely as systems are now back online. On Saturday, the hackers left a brief message on Muni ticketing systems: "You Hacked, ALL Data Encrypted." But rather than shut down the network, the attack simply led to machines being turned off and passengers being allowed free rides. "There's no impact to the transit service, but we have opened the fare gates as a precaution to minimize customer impact," according to a statement from a Muni spokesperson.

SOURCE: 28 November 2016, [Forbes](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – Personal Data for More than 130,000 Sailors Hacked

(U) Washington DC – Hackers gained access to sensitive information, including Social Security numbers, for 134,386 current and former US sailors, the US Navy said last week. It said a laptop used by a Hewlett Packard Enterprise Services employee working on a US Navy contract was hacked. Hewlett Packard informed the Navy of the breach on 27 October and the affected sailors will be notified in the coming weeks. "At this stage of the investigation, there is no evidence to suggest misuse of the information that was compromised," the Navy said.

SOURCE: 23 November 2016, [Reuters](#)

(U) Ohio – At Least Nine People Injured In Ohio State Active Shooter Situation; Shooter Dead

(U) Columbus – At least nine people have been hospitalized and one suspect is dead after the Ohio State University (OSU) Department of Safety reported an active shooter on the Columbus campus. A witness said a car rammed people evacuating a building after a fire alarm was pulled. A man jumped out and began stabbing and then shooting people. Media sources reported one suspect is dead. SWAT officers reportedly also apprehended two other possible suspects. Media sources reported nine people were injured and being treated at the hospital. Eight were reportedly stable and one in critical condition; it is unclear how many were shot or injured in the attack.

SOURCE: 28 November 2016, [WREG](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) England – Locky Ransomware Uses Decoy Image Files to Attack Social Media Accounts

(U) London – A low-tech but cunning malware program is worrying security researchers after it started spreading rapidly in the past week through a new attack vector: by forcibly exploiting vulnerabilities in Facebook and LinkedIn. According to the Israeli security firm Check Point, security flaws in the two social networks allow a maliciously coded image file to download itself to a user's computer. Users who notice the download, and who then access the file, cause malicious code to install "Locky" ransomware onto their computers.

SOURCE: 25 November 2016, [Ars Technica](#)

(U) France – ISIL Directed Suspects in Planning Attacks in France

(U) Paris – Five suspects, arrested in France on suspicion of planning attacks on security targets in and around the French capital, were directed remotely by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), the Paris prosecutor said last week. Authorities said that attacks had been planned for 1 December against police and intelligence headquarters in Paris as well as the Disneyland Paris theme park. The prosecutor's emphasis that France was under direct threat of attacks from ISIL militants raised tension as the country went into a weekend of political campaigning and a vote on Sunday for a center-right candidate for next year's presidential election. "A Strasbourg team, and also a man arrested in Marseille, were all given instructions to acquire arms. The instructions were given by a commander from the Iraqi-Syrian region via encrypted apps," a Paris prosecutor said. Hand-written documents pledging allegiance to ISIL and glorifying martyrdom were found at a house in Strasbourg, eastern France.

SOURCE: 25 November 2016, [Reuters](#)

(U) Syria – ISIL Releases New Instructional Video Directed at Lone-Wolf Attackers

(U) Damascus – ISIL released a new video calling for lone-wolf attackers to 'open the door to jihad.' The instructional video, called 'Explanation of How to Slaughter Disbelievers', also features a balaclava-wearing terrorist in a kitchen explaining how to make bombs. According to the terror monitoring group SITE, the bomb expert takes viewers on a step-by-step guide on how to make deadly explosives. Footage also shows a trainer named as Abu Sulayman al-Firansi, teaching methods of attack, including what knife to use for a beheading and demonstrations on how to use it.

SOURCE: 28 November 2016, [Daily Mail](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) California – Sheriff's Deputy Injured While Officials Detain Three Suspects in Panga Boat

(U) San Mateo – A San Mateo County Sheriff's deputy was injured yesterday during an operation to detain three people believed to have smuggled narcotics by boat into Ano Nuevo State Park, officials said. US Coast Guard officials in the water early Sunday notified authorities representing the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations team and the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office that they were tracking a panga boat off the coast. The vessel, which is believed to be connected to smuggling activity, landed at the state park in Pescadero before authorities seized the detainees. An investigation into the deputy's injuries and the operation are ongoing, officials said.

SOURCE: 27 November 2016, [NBC Bay Area](#)

(U) Texas – State Trooper Hit By Gunfire From Mexico

(U) Fronton – A Texas state trooper was wounded on the Texas-Mexico border by a bullet traced to a

gun battle underway on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande. The trooper was struck in the leg by what may have been an errant bullet from across the river. It was unclear if the gunfight involved the Mexican military or state police. The Texas state trooper was hit on Friday while on foot patrol in the Starr County border community of Fronton, about 105 miles upstream from Brownsville. The trooper, whose identity hasn't been released, was airlifted to a McAllen hospital, where he was in stable condition with a non-life-threatening wound.

SOURCE: 25 November 2016, [The Washington Post](#)

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